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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: MARINE GUARD AT
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FROM PORTER TO AMBASSADOR

1. IN LIGHT OF ICELANDIC PUBLICITY GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE
REMOVAL OF MARINE GUARD AS OF NOVEMBER 1, I BELIEVE WE NOW
HAVE NO BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN TO PROCEED WITH SIGNATURE
OF AGREEMENT BUT SEEK TO OBTAIN SOME CREDIT, BOTH FOR THE
US AND FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER, FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THIS
ISSUE. AT YOUR DISCRETION, THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD TAKE
WHATEVER ACTION YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE WHICH WOULD MAKE CLEAR
THAT THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND SETTLED IN PRINCIPLE
AT HIGHER OFFICIAL LEVELS. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT IN YOUR
TALK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON OCTOBER 15 SAY THAT THIS
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SPITE OF THE UNFORTUNATE EARLY PUBLICITY GIVEN IT BY MEMBERS OF THE DEFENSE COUNCIL. YOU MIGHT THEN PROCEED TO EXPLORE WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPROPRIATELY PUBLICIZED CEREMONY FOR SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS INDEED THE CASE. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED EITHER BY BOTH OF YOU ATTENDING THE CEREMONY TO WITNESS THE SIGNING OR BY ACTUALLY SIGNING THE DOCUMENTS YOURSELVES.

2. WHATEVER LIMITED CREDIT WE MAY OBTAIN WILL NOT OBSCURE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALL BUT GIVEN AWAY A BARGAINING POINT IN OUR BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MUST BE MADE PERFECTLY CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED IN ANY WAY WITH CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS RE IDF RETENTION THAT NO ONE REPEAT NO ONE SHOULD TAKE ANY ACTION OR ADOPT ANY POSITION HAVING ANY BEARING WHATSOEVER ON THE NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT MY PRIOR APPROVAL. SPECIFICALLY, DISCUSSIONS IN THE DEFENSE COUNCIL AT KEFLAVIK MUST BE RESTRICTED, FROM THIS TIME FORWARD, ONLY TO THOSE PROCEDURAL MATTERS NECESSARY TO THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE BASE. YOU SHOULD INSIST THAT ALL MATTERS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE NEGOTIATIONS BE REFERRED DIRECTLY TO YOU. KISSINGER

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